Baildon Horticultural Society
Minutes of the meeting dated 14th July 2025
The Bull's Head

PRESENT: Neal Parry (NP), Louise Mallinson (LM), Sharon Burrows (SB), Mike Webster (MW), Robin Weedon (RW) and Claire Bray (CB).

1. Apologies for absence:
Dale Holgate (DH) and Richard Nottidge (RN)

2. Chairs opening remarks:
NP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Actions from previous meetings:

I. **Reserve fund (ALL)**
Is there any work at either site that needs doing. Suggestions so far:
TL front fence.
Signage at front of TL site**.**
Insurances
Action: Remove from next agenda, revisit in a few months.

II. **Consider management agreement update (ALL)**
8.11 The Society will maintain in good order all internal fences, walls and ditches, but may trim trees to ease access to the site and may trim hedges which overhang the site.
8.12 The external boundaries are not the responsibility of the Society, nor are any claims arising from these boundaries. These will be inspected, assessed and maintained by the Council.
Action: Remove from next agenda, revisit in a few months.

III. **Water bill (SB)**
Readings have been submitted. SB has spoken to YW and Business Stream to confirm the readings have been used and the bill is correct.
Action: Submit readings again 2 weeks before year end so that we know actual usage to help with budgeting.

IV. **Charlestown plot holder permission to trim cherry tree (DH)**
Plot holder is concerned the tree (on neighbouring plot) may cause damage to polytunnel. Winter would be the ideal time for pruning.
Action: Add to next months agenda.

V. **Bank account (SB)**
To have a Treasurers account, Santander insist that every member of the committee has a personal Santander account. That is not possible therefore we would be paying account fees for our BHS Santander bank account. SB is going to look into accounts

with other providers. We may have a couple of months of fees on the current bank account while this changeover happens.
Action: SB to research and make enquiries.

VI. **New committee members from Charlestown (NP/DH)**.
Action: Ongoing. Keep on agenda for NP to update next month.

VII. **2025 Allotment Competition (LM/MW/NP/RW)**
Judging is completed. The winners will be announced at the BHS Show on 31st August.
Action: RW will take photos of nominated plots over the next couple of weeks.

VIII. **Fires at Thompson Lane (LM/MW)**
Due to recent complaints from neighbours, we have agreed that plot holders will only be allowed to have a fire in the month of November. This new rule applies to both Charlestown and Thompson Lane and takes place with immediate effect. Plot holders are encouraged to compost garden waste or take it to the tip.
Action: LM will send an email out letting plot holders know about this rule change.

IX. **Hosepipe Ban from 11/07**
Communication has been sent out (email and FB post). Will monitor. No further action required at the moment.

X. **2025 BHS Show (LM/CB/RW)**
- Tombola prizes needed over the coming weeks and also volunteers to bake for the cake stall/cafe
- 2025 Programme is available to view and download on the website. Programme at printers.
- RW is producing a poster, we'll all try and help to get it displayed around the local area
- Repost and share DT social media posts
- DT will let us know if we can support further over the coming weeks and how donations etc are going

XI. **Excessive use of weedkiller at Charlestown (NP)**
Action: NP to discuss with plot holders.

4. Member's issues:
None.

5. Reports:
Allotment officers:
Charlestown: 6 on the waiting list for garden plots (3 also on TL list).
1 on the small holding waiting list. No vacant plots.
Thompson Lane: 5 on the waiting list. 3 improvement letters sent out.

Treasurer:
SB shared monthly report. £557 June sales from TL and CT huts.
Stock take at both shops to be done in October.
Water meter readings 2 weeks before year end for a true bill to help with next years budgeting.

Secretary:
RHS Bridgewater Trip on Sunday 29th June went well. 31 people were on the trip, it was a gorgeous day and Bridgewater was looking beautiful with lots to see and loads of inspiration and ideas to take away from the garden! Had some good feedback. Will ask for any further feedback and see if there are any pictures to collect together for a little gallery of the trip on the BHS website.

Health and Safety:
Nothing to report.

Show 2025:
Covered earlier in the minutes '2025 BHS Show'

Membership Secretary:
Nothing to report.

6. Any other business:

I. **Sharing Minutes (NP)**
To help raise awareness of what's happening, encourage members to get involved and drive more traffic to the website. Once approved, minutes to be emailed to members each month.
Action: RW will let CB know when the minutes are published on the site each month and CB will send an email containing the link to the minutes to all members.

II. **2 Baildon Red Telephone Boxes (RW)**
At Station Road Post Office and The Junction Pub. RW is upgrading both of the telephone boxes, there will be more planting, an adjustable solar light at each and space for information/BHS promotion to be displayed in each of the boxes.

Date of the next meeting is 7pm Monday 11th August at The Bull's Head, Baildon.